



Seaford Primary school Reading Newsletter

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Welcome to the last Seaford Primary Reading Newsletter for this academic year. We've had a year full of reading and reading related activities. The library and the classroom book corners have had new books added regularly throughout the year.

Please make sure your child continues to read throughout the summer holiday so that they don't lose the pleasure of reading.



New books for KS2



New books for KS1

The Summer Reading Challenge — Rebecca from East Sussex Libraries visited us at the end of June to tell the children about this year's Summer Reading Challenge. The challenge is open to all primary school -aged children, and is a flexible programme designed for all levels of reading ability. It starts on July 9th and ends on September 9th. Visit your local library or www.eastsussex.gov.uk/src to register.



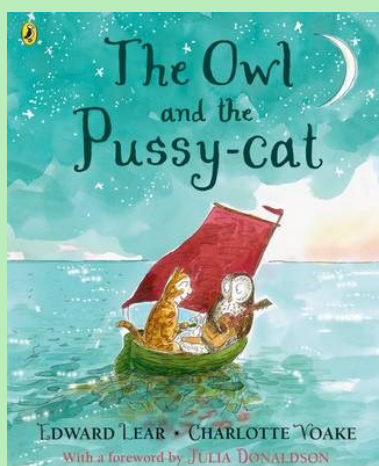
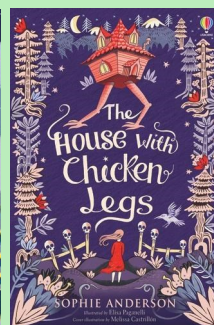
This year's winner of the *East Sussex Children's Book Award* was announced on the 6th June at the *Royal Hippodrome Theatre* in Eastbourne. The book clubbers attended along with several other schools from across East Sussex and were pleased to find out that *Ghostcloud* by Michael Mann was the winner. Luckily, Michael Mann, who is a year 5 teacher in London when not writing books, was there and we all enjoyed a question and answer session with him and Lucy Strange. We were all really happy to hear Hope's (5C) name called out as the winner of the creative writing competition for Lucy Strange's book *Sisters of the Lost Marsh*.



Are you stuck for something to read this summer? Here are some recommendations from our reading champions.

I recommend books by Sophie Anderson. They are all magical, amazing and have the most unexpected twists.

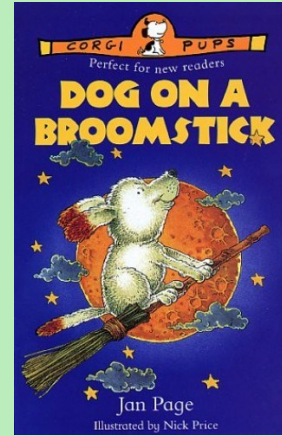
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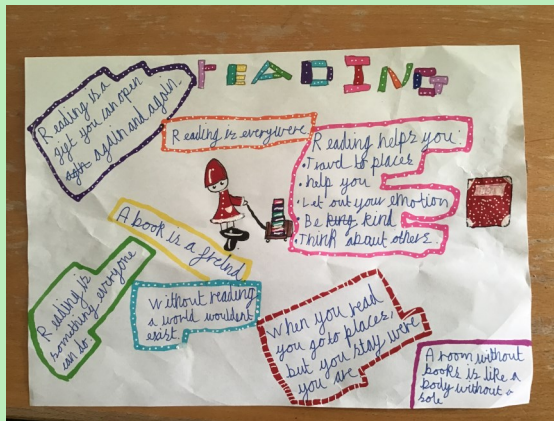
Neve in 2B was interviewed by Alanis in 6R about her favourite book. Here's what she said: This book was funny because the owl and cat asked a pig for his nose ring to get married. Then the pig said yes. I rate this book a 10/10.

Violet in year 2 really likes this book because it's funny. She finds it funny because the dog turned the witch into a banana and the witch turned the dog into a frog. She recommends it to ages 6+.

By Lara 6R



“There is no such thing as a child who hates to read. There are only children who have not found the right book.” – Frank Serafini



Wishing you all a lovely summer with this lovely reading poster by Ailsa in 5C.

Happy reading !

This term's recommended read for adults – *Ghost Girl, Banana* by Wiz Wharton

We have a book club at Seaford Primary School and the latest book we have read is 'Ghost Girl, Banana,' which is a book about love, family and what it costs to belong. The book starts in London in the 1990s and is the story of Sook-Yin and her daughter Lily, who can barely remember the mother she lost when she was five years old. Years later, when Lily receives an unexpected inheritance from a mystery benefactor in Hong Kong, she decides to travel to her mother's birthplace to find out why- and uncovers the secrets her family have been hiding for so long.

The chapters hop between timelines and we get to learn more about both Lily and her mother Sook-Yin. We find out that Lily is a funny and musically talented 20 something who is a biracial child growing up in the shadow of a seemingly perfect sister and who never seems to fit in. And Sook-Yin, who leaves Kowloon and arrives in a wet, lonely, and racist Britain in 1966, with the aim of becoming a nurse. Poor Sook-Yin tries to be happy and accepted but gets thwarted at every turn.

Wiz Wharton has based this story loosely on her own family, when she found a box of her late mum's belongings that had come from her house in Brixton. I found the story to be so immersive and found it very difficult to put down. I would thoroughly recommend it and look forward to reading more from this author.

By Mrs Ayres

